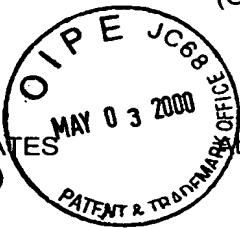


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PHASE OF
PCT APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

To: Asst. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) Priority Dkt: PM 268771 /1144024/DV/MB
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From: Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP, IP Group: Date: May 3, 2000

This is a **REQUEST** for **FILING** a PCT/USA National Phase Application based on:

1. International Application	2. International Filing Date	3. Earliest Priority Date Claimed
<u>PCT/CH97/00426</u> <u>↑ country code</u>	7 November 1997 Day MONTH Year	7 November 1997 Day MONTH Year (use item 2 if no earlier priority)

4. Measured from the earliest priority date in item 3, this PCT/USA National Phase Application Request is being filed within:

(a) 20 months from above item 3 date (b) 30 months from above item 3 date,
(c) Therefore, the due date (unextendable) is May 7, 2000

5. Title of Invention BILLING METHOD IN A TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM

6. Inventor(s) RITTER, Rudolf

Applicant herewith submits the following under 35 U.S.C. 371 to effect filing:

7. Please immediately start national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)).

8. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (file if in English but, if in foreign language, file only if not transmitted to PTO by the International Bureau) including:

- Request;
- Abstract;
- ____ pgs. Spec. and Claims;
- ____ sheet(s) Drawing which are informal formal of size A4 11"

9. A copy of the International Application has been transmitted by the International Bureau.

10. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
a. is transmitted herewith including: (1) Request; (2) Abstract;
(3) 14 pgs. Spec. and Claims;
(4) 1 sheet(s) Drawing which are:
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b. is not required, as the application was filed in English.

c. is not herewith, but will be filed when required by the forthcoming PTO Missing Requirements Notice per Rule 494(c) if box 4(a) is X'd or Rule 495(c) if box 4(b) is X'd.

d. Translation verification attached (not required now).

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11. **PLEASE AMEND** the specification before its first line by inserting as a separate paragraph:

- This application is the national phase of international application PCT/CH97/00426 filed November 7, 1997 which designated the U.S.--
- This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/_____, filed _____.--

12. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)), i.e., before 18th month from first priority date above in item 3, are transmitted herewith (file only if in English) including:

13. PCT Article 19 claim amendments (if any) have been transmitted by the International Bureau

14. Translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)), i.e., of **claim amendments** made before 18th month, is attached (required by 20th month from the date in item 3 if box 4(a) above is X'd, or 30th month if box 4(b) is X'd, or else amendments will be considered canceled).

15. **A declaration of the inventor** (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))

- is submitted herewith Original Facsimile/Copy
- is not herewith, but will be filed when required by the forthcoming PTO Missing Requirements Notice per Rule 494(c) if box 4(a) is X'd or Rule 495(c) if box 4(b) is X'd.

16. **An International Search Report (ISR):**

- Was prepared by European Patent Office Japanese Patent Office Other
- has been transmitted by the international Bureau to PTO.
- copy herewith (2 pg(s).) plus Annex of family members (1 pg(s).).

17. **International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER):**

- has been transmitted (if this letter is filed after 28 months from date in item 3) in English by the International Bureau with Annexes (if any) in original language.
- copy herewith in English.
- IPER Annex(es) in original language ("Annexes" are amendments made to claims/spec/drawings during Examination) including attached amended:
- Specification/claim pages #1 - 15 claims #1 - 30 Dwg Sheets #1
- Translation of Annex(es) to IPER (required by 30th month due date, or else annexed amendments will be considered canceled).

18. **Information Disclosure Statement** including:

- Attached Form PTO-1449 listing documents
- Attached copies of documents listed on Form PTO-1449
- A concise explanation of relevance of ISR references is given in the ISR.

19. **Assignment document** and Cover Sheet for recording are attached. Please mail the recorded assignment document back to the person whose signature, name and address appear at the end of this letter.

20. Copy of Power to IA agent.

21. **Drawings** (complete only if 8d or 10a(4) not completed): ____ sheet(s) per set: 1 set informal; Formal of size A4 11"

22. _____ (No.) **Verified Statement(s)** establishing "small entity" status under Rules 9 & 27

23. **Priority** is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on the priority claim and the certified copy, both filed in the International Application during the international stage based on the filing in (country) _____ of:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
(1) _____	_____	(2) _____	_____
(3) _____	_____	(4) _____	_____
(5) _____	_____	(6) _____	_____

- See Form PCT/IB/304 sent to US/DO with copy of priority documents. If copy has not been received, please proceed promptly to obtain same from the IB.
- Copy of Form PCT/IB/304 attached.

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24. Attached: Form PCT/IB/306

25. Preliminary Amendment: ATTACHED25.5 Per Item 17.c2, cancel original pages #_____, claims #_____, Drawing Sheets #_____
26. Calculation of the U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1)) and other fees is as follows:Based on amended claim(s) per above item(s) 12, 14, 17, 25, 25.5 (hilite)

Total Effective Claims	30	minus 20 =	10	x \$18/\$9	= \$180	966/967
Independent Claims	2	minus 3 =	0	x \$78/\$39	= \$0	964/965
If any proper (ignore improper) Multiple Dependent claim is present,				add\$260/\$130	+0	968/969

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(4)): →→ BASIC FEE REQUIRED, NOW →→→→A. If country code letters in item 1 are not "US", "BR", "BB", "TT", "MX", "IL", "NZ", "IN" or "ZA"

See item 16 re:

1. Search Report was <u>not prepared</u> by EPO or JPO -----	add\$970/\$485	960/961
2. Search Report was prepared by EPO or JPO -----	add\$840/\$420	+840 970/971

SKIP B, C, D AND E UNLESS country code letters in item 1 are "US", "BR", "BB", "TT", "MX", "IL", "NZ", "IN" or "ZA"

- B. If USPTO did not issue both International Search Report (ISR) and (if box 4(b) above is X'd) the International Examination Report (IPER), ----- add\$970/\$485 +0 960/961
- C. If USPTO issued ISR but not IPER (or box 4(a) above is X'd), ----- add\$690/\$345 +0 958/959
- D. If USPTO issued IPER but IPER Sec. V boxes not all 3 YES, ----- add\$670/\$335 +0 956/957
- E. If international preliminary examination fee was paid to USPTO and Rules 492(a)(4) and 496(b) satisfied (IPER Sec. V all 3 boxes YES for all claims), ----- add \$96/\$48 +0 962/963

27. **SUBTOTAL = \$1020**28. If Assignment box 19 above is X'd, add Assignment Recording fee of ----\$40 +40 (581)29. Attached is a check to cover the ----- **TOTAL FEES \$1060**

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed

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